



SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

October 15, 2008

Dear Interested Parties:

The Planning Commission has endorsed an Action Plan to improve and enhance the experience for all that work with the Department, including the public, applicants, stakeholders and Department staff. To develop this Action Plan, staff has relied on recommendations from a third-party consultant, as well as other reviews: SPUR AIA report, the Department of Building Inspection's Business Process Reengineering effort, and discussions with stakeholders. Discretionary Review is being evaluated as part of this effort. To date, staff has begun to formulate preliminary recommendations to improve the Discretionary Review process.

Prior to presenting an improved process at a Commission hearing, the Department invites you to attend an informational meeting at the Planning Department at 1650 Mission Street, Room 431. This meeting will provide the opportunity to review our preliminary recommendations and to provide comment on how best to improve the Discretionary Review process prior to a Commission hearing.

The Department will hold four meetings, one for each neighborhood quadrant, but all are welcome to attend any one of these meetings:

| Date | Time | Quadrant |
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| 10/29, Wednesday | 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM | Northeast |
| 11/5, Wednesday | 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM | Southeast |
| 11/12, Wednesday | 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM | Southwest |
| 11/19, Wednesday | 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM | Northwest |

Staff will present the preliminary proposal between 6:00 PM and 6:30 PM, and will then open the meeting to discussion. Please RSVP to Lisa Chau at 415.575.6809 or send an email to lisa.chau@sfgov.org, at least two days prior to the meeting.

Sincerely,

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